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From left, Cara Steele, Laura Mount and Lee MacLean, volunteers with Community Support Services, prepare Scottish shortbread cookies at Abbey Gardens yesterday. The bakers are coming back on Saturday for the Shortbread Project. Their goal is to make 1,800 cookies, half-a-dozen for each of its 290 clients in the Meals on Wheels program. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Beavering away at a theatre dream

By Lisa Gervais

The owner of the Minden Hills Theatre is working to reopen the building for the 2017 season.

Rahim Lakhani is using the name Minden Hills Theatre for now although locals know it as the Beaver Theatre.

Lakhani is meeting today (Nov. 17) with

the artistic community at the Haliburton County Community Development Corporation. Next Thursday, he will sit down with business and council leaders in Minden.

He spoke at the Minden Hills' Nov. 10 council meeting about why he has taken the theatre renewal project on.

"It's been an excellent journey being in

Minden the last month," Lakhani said.

A graduate of the University of Waterloo, he said his family had more than 50 years of experience in residential, vacation and commercial real estate and business development, ranging from shoe stores, to call centres, to luggage outlets and convenience stores.

He personally has engineering and project

management consulting experience.

When it comes to culture, he said he has been involved with the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and the Aga Khan Museum.

He said one of the reasons he chose Minden was "the people piece."

"From the first person I met, every single person I've met here makes me feel

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Theatre owner meeting with arts and community leaders

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extremely comfortable.” His question for council and the community is, “Are we ever going to have a theatre in Minden Hills?”

Lou and Molly Consky owned the former theatre between 1950 and 1990, before the theatre business began to flail. There was an attempt to revive it in 2009 but burst pipes and subsequent flooding ended that dream. It has been boarded up ever since.



Rahim Lakhani

Lakhani provided a pat on the back for the cultural infrastructure Minden Hills already has and said his vision is “to transform the performing arts and theatre environment in Minden into an even more sustainable cultural hub – open and accessible to every single member in our community.”

He added his mission is to ensure financial viability, community responsibility and environmental stewardship.

As part of his feasibility study, he looked at the Aron Theatre in Campbellford, the Academy Theatre in Lindsay, the Mady Theatre in Barrie and the Simcoe Theatre in

Collingwood.

He thinks that in order to make it work, he will form a Minden Hills Theatre not-for-profit society that will work with the township and the community.

Revenue would come from the box office, film festival circuits, a banquet hall and conference centre, private rentals, a performing arts centre, stand-up comedy, college workshops, bingo nights, alcohol, concessions and gift shop, advertising and memberships, he said.

He outlined an ambitious plan. For the building, it means a clean-up, structural assessment, soil testing and a site survey. As for a not-for-profit organization, it involves putting a core group of people together to represent the community. His goal is a grand opening for May 24, 2017.

He wants council to help with grant writing and pardoning some requirements and costs.

“You’ve created quite a stir to say the least,” Reeve Brent Devolin told Lakhani. However, he cautioned, “your timeline’s very aggressive ... I’m not sure you can meet that timeline.”

Lakhani said he is now using the name Minden Hills Theatre but from the e-mails he is getting, he joked he would lose half his audience if he changes the name from the Beaver Theatre. He is looking into the name situation. Lakhani is canvassing business and council leaders for a day and time to meet next week. To contact Lakhani, e-mail mindenhillstheatre@gmail.com or phone 905-914-7865



Brad Smith, left, moderates a panel discussion with guest speakers. Smith is the public transportation coordinator for Ride Norfolk. Photo by Mark Arike.

Experts share transportation solutions

By Mark Arike

Transportation continues to be a hot topic in the county and locals are working toward creating solutions that work for everyone.

The first Haliburton Transportation Summit was held on Tuesday at the Haliburton Legion to determine how to “create a more mobile and better connected community.”

The full-day event featured several guest speakers, including those who have spearheaded transportation networks in rural communities, and panel and group discussions.

It was presented by the Rural Transportation Options (RTO) committee, which falls under the umbrella of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, and its partners.

The RTO spearheaded the Haliburton County Community Transportation Project to increase access to transportation services in the area. It is one of 22 projects funded by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation’s Community Transportation Pilot Grant Program.

See more coverage in next Thursday’s *Highlander*.

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The scene of an accident on County Road 121. Photo by Walt Griffin.

Man with 'biggest heart in the world' dies on County Rd. 121

By Alex Coop

The man killed in last week's motor vehicle accident between Minden and Kinmount was the general manager of Sir Sam's Inn.

The Highlander has learned that Fernando Morales, 43, worked at the business, which is in Eagle Lake.

The inn's owner, Ryan Cole, says Morales was his general manager for about seven months, and described him as a "beautiful human being."

"He had the biggest heart in the world and treated everyone with the utmost respect," Cole told *The Highlander*.

"He was an amazing team leader ... I

couldn't have asked for a better partner to work with."

Morales died at a Toronto hospital earlier this week after sustaining life-threatening injuries in the crash.

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) said Morales was driving north on County Road 121 on Nov. 10 when he crossed the centre line and crashed into a southbound tractor trailer.

He was then transported to a Toronto hospital, police say.

Anyone with information about the accident is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Highlands East turns down ranked ballots

By Mark Arike

Just like many other municipalities, Highlands East won't be switching to a ranked ballot system for the 2018 election.

Council voted against the concept, which is more common in the U.S., said clerk Irene Cook. She recommended the municipality continue using first past the post.

"Most of the municipalities I've spoken to are not doing ranked ballots," said Cook. "You cannot use them for school board elections. You can only use them for municipal council."

States that have implemented the voting

system have experienced low voter turnout and thousands of spoiled ballots, said Cook. It also tends to take longer for results to come in.

With ranked ballots, voters can rank their choices from most preferred to least preferred candidate. If a person's first choice is eliminated, ranked ballots take into account the other options on the ballot.

This helps ensure the winning candidate(s) receive support from a majority of voters, according to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The province is giving all municipalities the option of adopting ranked ballots in the next election.

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power to make our place in the
world better every day.

Help wanted to rebuild the Beaver



By Lisa Gervais

The Beaver Theatre has a new owner who's stirring up interest locally over his plans to reopen the Minden Theatre.

Rahim Lakhani attended the last Minden Hills council meeting and asked a very simple question:

"Are we ever going to have a theatre in Minden Hills?"

You see, it isn't entirely up to Lakhani. He may be the owner but he needs the community and township to make it happen.

Lakhani would like to see a not-for-profit organization created, an organizational structure which allows for memberships and community input, to help sustain it.

Other towns have successfully re-launched their theatres, he said, namely the Aron Theatre Co-operative in Campbellford; the Academy Theatre in Lindsay; the Mady Theatre in Barrie; and the Simcoe Theatre in Collingwood.

Let's take a look at how these projects have fared.

We know that things aren't rosy for the Academy Theatre in Lindsay. It went to the City of Kawartha Lakes in July of 2015 seeking a \$70,000 loan to help with operating costs, citing a serious financial situation.

We can probably discount the theatre in Barrie since it has a much bigger population than Minden and the county. Further, it is managed by the City of Barrie's department of culture which presumably has the resources and commitment to keep it going. Collingwood, too, is much larger than Minden, at nearly 20,000 in the 2011 Census. Its Simcoe Street Theatre

redevelopment is too new to say whether it's a success story.

That brings us to Campbellford, where we can now compare apples and apples. The town, located between Toronto and Ottawa, had 3,675 residents in 2011 and is growing. Like Minden's population of 5,695, it has a larger area around it to draw from. Campbellford is a farming community, whose population swells in summer thanks to its proximity to the Trent-Severn Waterway and lakes, just as Minden fills with cottagers.

Last weekend, we caught up with Russ Christianson, the man who spearheaded the Aron Theatre Co-operative. He described how the project started with a theatre facing closure. The cooperative sold bonds to purchase it. They then needed to buy new seats, a projector and sound system; they were lucky to get an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant of about \$110,000. The Aron relies on annual memberships – \$40 a family and \$20 an individual – and has about 50 dedicated volunteers. Last year, it made a small surplus.

Christianson said it is only now – six years in – that he believes they are on firm footing. The Aron has never had municipal backing; Christianson says council there has no appetite for this sort of risk.

We asked Christianson's advice. "If they (the community) want to have a theatre in their community, they have to get involved." Getting involved means a commitment of time and money, and based on the Campbellford experience, it has to be a long-term commitment.

He said people have to have a sense of

ownership of the theatre. From what we can see now, Lakhani has some great ideas and wants the community to step up and be involved.

We encourage people to attend the two public meetings that Lakhani is organizing, one today for the artistic community and one next Thursday for business and council leaders. We also urge people to seriously consider his question, are we ever going to have a theatre in Minden Hills? or for that matter, the entire county.

In other words, don't come if you aren't at least open to backing Lakhani and his ambitious plans. For this project to work, the community of Minden Hills and the wider county must truly embrace this project. Otherwise, it will die a quick death as other revival projects have.

The payoffs can be worth it. Christianson tells us the Aron Theatre Co-Operative has rejuvenated Campbellford's downtown. The main street used to be empty after businesses closed for the day; now it's alive with cars and people walking to the theatre. He has had people tell him they have moved to Campbellford because it has a theatre. He said it's made a difference socially, economically and environmentally.

With all of our councils casting about for lifelines to an economically sustainable future, Minden Hills and others may wish to consider these potential benefits and partnering with Lakhani.

The growing divide

Without question, the recent U.S. election polarized people the world over, most noticeably feelings about the guy who ended up winning the presidency. While I certainly wouldn't consider myself a fan of Donald Trump, I do recognize his rise to prominence as a resolute call for change amongst those who at least took the time to vote. While I won't get into my thoughts surrounding why exactly this happened I will punctuate this by saying if you choose not to participate in the system, this is the kind of thing you're left with.

North of the border, there was the expected Chicken Little reaction, the utter disdain for the results and of course the smugness of perceived Canadian superiority. What bothered me most though were those here who declared that that kind of thing could easily happen here, essentially saying that we're not that much different than they are. Well I have news for you. We Canadians are very different than current Americans seem to be and I'm surprised you haven't actually noticed that before.

Sure, back after the Second World War, Canadians and Americans weren't really that different but since then there has been a growing social chasm and huge societal shift highlighting the basic differences between the two nations. We are no longer simply their shadow.

It's really not that tough to figure out why that is. Canada as a whole is a much more pensive and tolerant nation. That's mainly due to some of the foundational principles we as Canadians have accepted but a huge number of Americans have fought mightily against. By that I mean a simple general openness towards diversity and I don't just mean this based on ethnicity. Canadians have simply learned to accept diversity – begrudgingly or otherwise – and we're a better country because of it. For example, we've moved towards a more moderate world view rather than simply parroting what America wants from, and for, the world. Military missions in the Middle East are a stark testament to that. Has that brought more stability to the region? Has it become a safer world since Iraq was levelled?

We're also constantly bombarded with threats about our economy being so closely intertwined with theirs but did the market crash in 2008 have nearly the same effect here as it did south of the border? No. Canada, because of its growing independence financially and otherwise, has come to realize that Canadian/American relations aren't the way they have always been. No longer are we the canoe and they the anchor. Amazingly, as a nation, we can swim on our own.

This isn't to say we're completely

disconnected from our American brothers and sisters. Make no mistake that while the gap is widening, the basic human elements and desires are still common on both sides of the border.

The only difference is that when we have a problem we rally to change it. When they have a problem they takes sides, hurl slurs and fire away at each other. Look at the last general election in both countries for evidence of that. Love him or hate him, former Prime Minister Stephen Harper was not very popular at the end of his reign. How did Canadians react? The voter turnout in the last election was third most since 1993 at 68.5 per cent. Canadians wanted to be heard and they were. In contrast, with so much at stake in the recent American election, their voter turnout was a sad 46.7 per cent. In fact, their highest turnout in recent years for Obama's first run was a "record" 61 per cent. Our lowest recent turnout was 61.4 per cent in 1993. Their high is our low which says a lot about Canadians' national sensibility. We don't care for our country more than Americans do, we just deal with it by rallying the troops rather than splitting the ranks.



By Charlie Teljeur

Editorial opinion

Thanks to businesses for fall food drive

Dear editor,

Recently, the Minden Food Bank and the 4C's Food Bank jointly completed a new Fall Food Drive. Businesses were canvassed in both communities with the food going to each community separately to eliminate extra moving and distribution. Businesses were asked to make cheques payable to the 4C's because Judy McDuff offered to handle the tax receipts for these donations. The funds collected were split between the two food banks.

We both feel that this food drive was very successful since it was our first drive together. We are considering a spring food drive when both food banks face the challenge of lower donations at that time of year.

Minden Food Bank would like to thank

all of the businesses for their wonderful donations to the food drive. These donations will help us to continue to feed those in need until the next major drive which will be Christmas. Also thanks are extended to the local camps and lodges for donating products left from the summer.

We are so fortunate to live in Haliburton County where there are so many charitable people and businesses who continue to help those in need.

Minden Food Bank and the 4C's Food Bank thank everyone for a very successful food drive and to all of the volunteers who helped canvass and collect all of the donated goods.

Joanne Barnes
Minden Food Bank

Increased traffic just one concern

Dear editor,

I attended the open house regarding the planned gas station on County Rd 21. After reading *The Highlander's* article, I was disappointed that the main issues all residents had voiced (see below) were summed up in only one sentence, with the focus shifting towards the developer's mandate.

It would have been important to emphasize that increased traffic and reduced access to Nimigon Lane, was not only a common concern among residents but has also been confirmed in the report by township planner Patricia Martin.

Instead, the article insinuated that the majority of residents "liked the idea" with the main issue being that "the building should fit in" with the surroundings.

As I recall, there was not one person

present that "liked the idea" of adding another gas bar to the three existing/ planned gas bars within roughly 10km of County Rd. 21.

All attendees were strongly opposed to the plans presented at that hearing.

These are some of the concerns the effected neighbors raised: problems with the combined traffic to and from the gas bar and Tim Hortons and problems getting out of driveways.

Other concerns included pedestrians and children on Nimigon Lane at risk when sharing private driveways with the traffic of the gas bar; additional light pollution and noise from vehicles, a reduced quality of life and impact on property values.

Jurgen Haedicke
Haliburton

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Loafing about to get two firsts

Contrary to the image of youthful good looks that emanate from the fellow who peers out at you from the head of this column, I am actually pushing what most of us would call 'middle age', and as such, I have worked, witnessed and worried my way through quite a lot of life, experiencing many things along the way. That said, moving to Canada has been an educational experience all round and I have been able to experience all kinds of wild and wacky stuff that not many an Englishman would ever dream about, let alone get a chance to do. That said, there are not many days when I get to tick off not one but two 'firsts'. However, last Friday that day came around.

Now, I know that while Haliburton has a strong hunting heritage, some of you aren't super keen on me going into the gory details, so let's just quietly

acknowledge that I am a hunter, and that I got to shoot my first deer last Friday. It was an exhilarating and equally sobering experience and a decision that I did not take lightly but I'm glad I did it. The heart raced, the shot was made and the deer died. The meat was harvested and will be thoroughly enjoyed by my family. End of story, or not, depending upon whether you bump into me in the street and mention anything about the hunt. Then, I'll bore you to tears with the minutiae of the event, complete with exaggerated bits to make it seem even more miraculous that an idiot from a city in Blighty could have got into this absurd situation.

But, I'll not get carried away now about the 14 points and dappled sunlight arching of his back as he bounded majestically through the maples because this momentous

event paled into insignificance by what happened next.

We'd got back to the camp, dealt with the deer and everyone had raised a glass to me. Then, the bell rang and it was time for dinner. All 15 hunters filed into the dining room and queued in as orderly a fashion as 15 hungry men do when summoned to their dinner.

When I got to the head of the queue what met my eye was a dish I have long wondered about but never tasted. It is a dish that I had never seen and didn't really think existed and one that I've only ever heard mention of in American sitcoms.

It was meatloaf.

Meat and veggies and other stuff I think, squished into a loaf and then sliced like bread. Who, what, where, how did this Frankenstein of a dish come into being?

Actually, why? Yes, why did it get invented?

Nervously, I took my two slices and slathered them in thick gravy. Roast spuds and greens rounded off my plate and I sat down at the table, looking warily at the dish. "What's up, Willy? That kill today got to your appetite? I knew you limeys were wimps!"

I ate my meatloaf. My first ever meatloaf. I'm told it was good meatloaf.

I ate it all just to prove I ain't no wimp but I'll be looking forward to the next time I have to gut a deer much more than my next helping of a dish that had me wondering, 'why, oh why, when we have fresh venison outside on the pole!'



By Will Jones

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A cautious deer surveys the landscape in Dysart et al. Photo by Mark Arike.

Veterans of Haliburton County applauded

Dear editor,

On Nov. 9, we held our annual Veterans dinner at Branch 636, Royal Canadian Legion, Minden. We invited Bram Lebo and Jennifer Hughey of *The Highlander* to present two of the videos they, along with Justin Tiffin, produced. Our veterans and members attending were very impressed with the stories told on these

videos. I strongly suggest that the people of this county avail themselves of the opportunity offered by *The Highlander* to view these videos. Well done *Highlander*.

Judy Flieger
President Branch 636.

Veterans of Haliburton County videos can be viewed at TheHighlander.ca

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What kind of winter are you expecting?*



Barbara Slote
Haliburton

I hope to God we have a lot of snow. I think it's excellent for the county.



Donna Gagnon
Haliburton

I think it will be a short and sharp one. I think we'll have a green Christmas.



Kathryn Kidd
Fort Irwin

Cold. I expect the worst and hope for the best. I'm always prepared.



Kristin Lang
Haliburton

I have no idea. I'm hoping for lots of snow but warm enough temperatures to get outside.



Suzanne Riverin
Huntsville

I've heard rumours we're going to get a hard one. Let's hope it's easy on us.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

County in brief

AH passes zoning amendment for shipping containers

The Algonquin Highlands zoning bylaw amendment to regulate shipping container use is now official.

The changes mean larger containers are considered structures requiring a building permit. The amendment governs the size and number of containers permitted in various zones and required setbacks and screening. Residents already using containers addressed by the amendment must either remove them or apply for a permit.

The fourth draft of the amendment was approved quickly at AH council's Nov. 3 regular meeting. The third draft had been presented at a public meeting in Dorset on Aug. 20. Comments received for and against did not affect that draft, but council later requested staff remove a clause prohibiting the use of electricity.

Container use was not addressed in the bylaw prior to the amendment. Reeve Carol Moffatt said that existing container uses have not been grandfathered in the amendment. *(Lisa Harrison)*

Airport future includes septic management

The septic system at the Stanhope Municipal Airport office has failed and staff have been asked to ensure the new system can accommodate potential future needs.

Staff told Algonquin Highlands council at the Nov. 3 meeting that the current system is 41-years-old. Other public washrooms on the grounds are served by a different system and see the most public use, so there's no current need to increase the system capacity except to meet the revised minimum holding capacity.

Reeve Carol Moffatt asked staff to consider additional uses when determining the system size to avoid future

regret, despite the lack of current plans for expansion.

Staff are sourcing quotes for the replacement system. Council set a \$25,000 upset cost, which the treasurer confirmed is available in reserves. *(Lisa Harrison)*

Sledders request AH trail change

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) is seeking a trail route change in Algonquin Highlands after one land owner cancelled use of the trail where it crosses the property. AH staff brought the HCSA's letter of request to council's Nov. 3 meeting.

The letter requests approval to reroute part of 'B' Trail to the east side of Braeloch Road for approximately 1.3 km to Little Hawk Road. The trail is one of the main routes sledders use to access Dorset, Haliburton and Minden.

Staff estimate the cost for initial brush clearing along the road allowance at \$4,000. The HCSA has offered to pay 50 per cent of that. Staff recommended approval subject to several conditions, including letters of no objection from property owners along the new stretch.

Councillors had too many questions to make a decision. The HCSA will be asked to send a delegation to a future meeting to discuss the proposed change. *(Lisa Harrison)*

U-Links seeks support

U-Links Centre for Community-Based Projects is asking local councils to partner with it.

It oversees 12-15 projects a year in the county, which matches college and university students with organizations to help them with research, planning, and community service and development projects.

"These are all really great projects and they impact everyone," projects coordinator Sonja Addison told Highlands East council on Monday.

A few years ago, students examined the settlement history of Gooderham. *(Mark Arike)*

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Highlander news

Contractor defaults on township addition

By Lisa Harrison

Occasional delays are common on large renovation projects, but work on the new addition to the Algonquin Highlands offices on North Shore Road has come to a full stop.

The contractor, Maram Building Corporation of Woodbridge, has defaulted on its project performance bond, according to Reeve Carol Moffatt. Maram was working under AECOM, the engineering firm hired to provide the designs for the addition and manage the project.

The township's purchasing policy mandates substantial insurance coverage and a performance bond for a project of this size. Moffatt said in an interview that AH learned of the default about two weeks ago and has been meeting with township lawyers, AECOM and the bonding company to resolve next steps before going public with the news.

Under the terms of the contract, AH has been able to file a claim on the performance bond. The bonding company has issued a separate tender for completion of the work and is responsible for hiring a new contractor. Moffatt said the question has been raised as to whether a local contractor would have been a better choice initially, but local contractors generally are ineligible as they are unable to carry the amount of insurance and the bond AH requires.

"The good thing is that there's no additional cost to the township through the bond process," said Moffatt. "So, tremendously disappointing, but we'll get it done."

The tender closes Nov. 22 and AH hopes the work can be completed by mid-January. AH was paying Maram in stages according to a set work schedule, so the funds for the remaining work are in-hand and will go to the new contractor.

The remaining work includes finishes such as paint, carpet and fixtures in the new addition, already in use, and completion of the new accessible entrance and public washrooms. The council chamber is still being used by some staff and serving as the reception desk for visitors, who are being rerouted into the building via the east side door.

The office building was constructed in 1990. While it is considered to be in good condition and well-maintained, it was not designed to accommodate growth. The estimated cost of the work was \$590,000, coming primarily from reserves, with assistance from a \$32,500 accessibility grant. Staff have confirmed the grant deadline has been extended to accommodate completion of the work.

Council will continue to hold its regular meetings at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall in the interim.

Second well approved for AH public works garage

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands will drill a second well for its new Dorset public works garage as the existing water supply has been ruled undrinkable.

The new garage opened for business in December 2015. According to a staff report, by early spring the water had turned dark and tasted salty. Testing confirmed a high sodium level and the water supply was marked non-potable.

Following additional tests a sleeve was installed to block water entering the well where the casing met bedrock, at a cost of \$2,473 before tax. In September, a second water sample showed the water still contained a high volume of sodium as well as chloride.

According to staff, chloride appears naturally but the higher concentration of both salt and chloride has been attributed to

storage of sand-salt mix on the garage site over many years.

Council approved a staff recommendation for a new well at the Nov. 3 council meeting, based on the costs and potential success of three solutions staff had investigated.

Haliburton Artesian Well Drillers provided the successful quote at \$5,664 to drill to 200 feet and use a 22-foot casing, and \$1,500 to formally abandon the existing well, excluding taxes.

Staff time and materials to prepare the new location further uphill are estimated at \$6,000. Drilling costs could increase if the well must be deeper, and there is no guarantee regarding water quality.

Council agreed to conduct the unbudgeted work this year. Staff expect to cover the costs through savings in the operating budget.

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Highlander news

Huge spike in museum attendance

Museum director says programming plays a big role

By Alex Coop

People in Haliburton and beyond love the Haliburton Highlands Museum, and the numbers are backing it up.

Between January and October, more than 9,000 people walked through the museum's doors to participate in one of its many programs or explore its various exhibits.

The museum had 7,060 visitors in 2015.

Museum director Kate Butler says the rise in attendance has a lot to do with how the museum is raising its profile in the community, and the recent jump is

regular Wilderness School programs for children that ran in the summer, there is no shortage of activities to participate in, Butler says.

A lot of them are made possible because of the partnerships formed with other organizations across the highlands, she adds, with some help from a \$16,000 annual provincial operating grant the museum applies for.

"Programming gives people a reason to come back again, and again," Butler said.

But Butler emphasized it's the ongoing community support and volunteerism that is ultimately helping the museum's attendance numbers grow.

The museum's admission by donation policy has proven to be successful as well.

"We never want cost to be a deterrent, and by putting whatever they can afford at that exact moment in the box, it makes it much more approachable," Butler said.

The township's recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller agrees, and adds people who aren't able to donate more than a few cents one day, appreciate the fact that they can still explore the museum, and during their next visit, are often more inclined to make a bigger donation.

"I think if you did [admission by donation] everywhere, it might not necessarily work," Mueller said. "But with the museum, it removes that barrier and we see people making donations all the time."

The museum is also a popular spot for committees and groups to hold meetings and conference calls, she says, and it's also expecting huge attendance numbers



Museum director Kate Butler says many people are participating in the museum's growing list of programming. Photo by Alex Coop.

There are more people now who know where the museum is than ever before.

Kate Butler

Museum director

the biggest she can recall.

"There are more people now who know where the museum is than ever before," Butler said. "We've made an effort to put it on people's radar."

While the museum's two floors of frequently changing displays continue to draw crowds, it's the programming that many newcomers are gravitating towards.

From large events, like Yoga in the Park, which was hosted by the museum in conjunction with the Sculpture Forest and Haliburton Yoga in September, to the

as the museum plans to expand its programming in the coming months, while preparing for the township's 150th sesquicentennial birthday.

Events for the sesquicentennial celebrations are being planned by a local committee that includes the museum.

"[2017] is going to be a huge year and we're going to play a big role in that ... it's going to be so much fun," Butler said, pointing to the celebrations that will be taking place throughout the winter and summer seasons.

On Jan. 7, a number of events across the township will kick-off the

sesquicentennial celebrations. They will include free public skating, to fire and light shows.

The party will hit a highnote the July 7 weekend, as a number of prominent events, such as live concerts and family picnics, are scheduled to take place then as well.

"A winter party is awesome, but a summer party is even better," Butler laughed, adding the museum's programming throughout 2017 will complement the township's sesquicentennial birthday.

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25th - 27th - Festival of Trees, Minden Hills Cultural Centre.
Visit www.mindenhills.ca for info.

26th - Santa Claus Parade, 11:30 am.
Visit www.mindenhills.ca for route and info.

27th - Christmas Artisan Market, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm,
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DECEMBER

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Request for Tenders

For the Building/Bylaw/Planning Department:

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Deadline to submit is Friday, November 25, 2016.

For an application form or for more information on the committee's mandate and terms of reference, visit www.mindenhills.ca/2015-2018-advisory-committees/, or the Clerk's Department, 2nd floor.

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Highlander news

Wilberforce considers ATM machine as alternative

People Before Profits looking at plan B

By Mark Arike

If a credit union or other financial institution doesn't open a branch in Wilberforce, Highlands East might need to settle for a full-service bank machine.

People Before Profits, a committee of local residents, continues to distribute its business case to institutions in the hopes of bringing one to Wilberforce.

One bank is reviewing the proposal with its board of directors this week, according to Highlands East CAO Shannon Hunter.

In July, Scotiabank informed the

community it would be closing its branch on Essonville Line along with its Maynooth location effective January 19 and consolidating in Bancroft.

"While the various financial institutions are reviewing our business case, we are also trying to prepare for the worst-case scenario," wrote Hunter in a report to council.

If these attempts fail, the municipality should be "proactive" and at the very least try to secure an ATM, she said.

Hunter contacted a few financial

institutions and developed a list of questions that must be answered. These address location, operating hours and potential compensation for the municipality.

There hasn't been a lot of interest from local businesses to install an ATM because it would take up valuable retail space, said Hunter.

Coun. Joan Barton, who sits on the committee, suggested the entrance of the Lloyd Watson Centre or the arena across the road.

Both properties are owned by the

municipality.

"It could be in the vestibule," said Barton, referring to the centre. "I've only ever seen the space used for storage."

Although he called it a "great option," Coun. Cecil Ryall said it would be better suited in a local business.

"There's a good chance if you take out money at a business, you'll spend it there," he said.

Ryall also mentioned the possibility of an outdoor ATM that could withstand the elements.



Justin Boermans of Tory Hill sprays a fire hose with the help of firefighter Stephane Stern. Photo by Mark Arike.

Firefighters connect with the community

By Mark Arike

The Highlands East fire department gave the community an inside look at its operation during an open house on Saturday.

"We just want to give [people] a feel of what we do and not to be afraid of us," said fire prevention officer Melissa Bryan. "We're your friends."

Firefighters recently visited students at elementary schools in Wilberforce and Cardiff to educate them about their work. Last month they encouraged residents to replace outdated smoke alarms during the province's Fire Prevention Week.

The open house included several activities for kids such as a colouring station, inflatable fire castle and an opportunity to shoot water out of a fire hose. Sparky the Fire Dog greeted visitors in the hall and the department's vehicles were outside on display.

There are five fire halls in the municipality. Other locations include Cardiff, Highland Grove, Gooderham and Paudash.

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The seventh annual Festival of Trees

Yes, folks, it's almost time to start thinking about Christmas, and there's no better way for the family to get into the spirit than by attending the annual Festival of Trees (FOT) at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

From Nov. 25 to 27, the cultural centre will be festooned with all things Christmas, making it the most dazzling spectacle in the county. As visitors roam through the centre, including Nature's Place, Bowron House, the Sterling Bank, the School House, the Common Room and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, their eyes will sparkle with the reflections cast from the bright and creatively decorated Christmas trees, the stars of the show. In the replica of the Bethel Church, there will be a nativity display (not for sale), created by Peter Millard and the Precious Pearls knitters group.

But that's not all, because there's also the Silverbell gift shop which features handmade items by local artisans, the Sugar Plum candy shop, where handmade chocolates and other sweet goodies are for sale, and Santa's café where hot chocolate, coffee and home-made cookies are available. And there's also holiday-themed activities for the kids, including a scavenger hunt, a free children's craft centre and a story time elf.

As an added bonus, on the evening of Friday, Nov. 26, starting at 7 p.m., there will be a concert in the gallery featuring local songstress Sheri Hawkins and the Beau Parker Lounge Trio. The music will be complemented by a cash bar with wine supplied by Fielding Wines, and wonderful hors d'oeuvres courtesy of the FOT committee and their team of volunteers.

The Festival of Trees is a fundraising event which involves various groups, businesses and individuals in Minden Hills and the Haliburton Highlands. Money raised goes to support community programming at the cultural centre.

There will be 33 decorated trees of various sizes as well as garlands, gift baskets and gift certificates available, provided by local businesses.

About 14 of the trees are decorated by groups, such as the Quilt Guild and the Historical Society, and those trees reflect the groups that made them. For instance, the quilters will have quilted ornaments on their tree.

Some of the other trees are decorated by local businesses such as the Minden/Haliburton Hearing Service; but most of the business trees are decorated by the members of the FOT committee, including chair Pam Smith, (assisted by

husband Joe), Elli Welch, Jaklin Casper and Patti Weiss.

There are also a myriad of volunteers helping out on the days of the event.

The Rotary Club of Minden will be hosting the raffle of the trees, wreaths and garlands, and you can get six raffle tickets for a measly \$5.

The Festival of Trees hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday Nov. 25; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov 26; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. Admission is \$5 for adults (18+) and children are free.

Tickets to the Sheri Hawkins/Beau Parker Lounge Trio are \$20. Call 705-286-3763 to purchase or drop by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Festival of Trees is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit, purchase unique gifts, and possibly win a tree or wreath. See you there.

What's Up



By George Farrell

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Highlander people



Michael Burrows works on a piece of art at the Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services 20th anniversary open house on Monday. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Mental Health Services marks 20 years

By Lisa Gervais

Michael Burrows bends over a piece of art he is creating in a room at the Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services in Minden.

As he uses a marker to colour in a pot, he talks a bit about the journey that has brought him to this basement art room at 14 IGA Rd.

He shares that he has been on prescription drugs since 1990 following the deaths of his mother and father, which “just broke me.” He recalls having a panic attack while driving but thankfully had a friend in the car to take the wheel. They drove to a clinic where he was told to lie down, put his knees up and just breathe. He took his first pill that day and has not stopped. They have created side effects, he says, including Parkinsonism, a type of Parkinson’s Disease.

He loves coming to the art class here as he realizes the importance of doing “what helps me to carry on.”

Just down the table from him, Amy Fountain works on her “Anxious Brain” journal. Today she is doodling and cartooning. She shares the pages. Some are light. Some are dark. She points out one of her paintings on the wall, which depicts the bipolar brain. She too loves the art class since “it gives me something to do ... to get it out.”

Ron Brown isn’t an artist but he is a musician. He brings an acoustic guitar into the room and strums quietly. He has been coming to the service for four years. He was referred by his social worker after things started unraveling in his life: his mother died, his brother died and his wife was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. He comes two to three times a week just “to get away from

everything.”

“If I didn’t have it here I would probably lose my coconut,” he says.

Burrows, Fountain and Brown were just three people at this week’s Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services 20th anniversary open house.

Manager of Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services, Dave Jarvis, said when he started working for the service 16 years ago, they had 700 clients. Today, they have 3,700 – which is about 25 per cent of the county’s population.

He attributes the high number to word of mouth referrals in the community, that people are welcomed when they seek help. He added that North America is becoming more of a fear-based society and anxiety and stress is increasing. He said it is prevalent in young people. Ten years ago, 10 to 15 per cent of their clientele was 14 to 34 years old. Now, it is 32 per cent. In fact, the service is running a type of pilot project aimed at those 35 years old and younger, targeting early intervention.

Jarvis says “a lot of people here (clients) have lost their confidence.” He said his team’s philosophy is giving people hope, since hopeful people are happy people.

In addition to their artwork hanging on the walls, there is a gym with exercise equipment as the team believes in the importance of healthy living, healthy lifestyles and self-care to counterbalance the long-term effects of medications.

Jarvis said he is proud that the service sees everybody within the first week and, over 20 years, has never had a waiting list. For more information visit hhhs.on.ca

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Larry Blanchard is retiring at the end of November following a career that spans more than three decades with Haliburton County Paramedic Service. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

It's all about saving the people

By Mark Arike

There are moments in Larry Blanchard's career he will never forget.

Some are traumatizing, while others, like the dramatic rescue of a newborn, remind him exactly why his line of work is so important.

"I started as a volunteer," recalls Blanchard, who has been with Haliburton County Paramedic Service for 32 years.

Before he moved to Calgary for eight years, he was a volunteer firefighter with the Dysart department. He was eager for a volunteer position to open up upon his return to his hometown of Haliburton.

"Pat Kennedy [the former EMS director] tracked me down and said, 'Why don't you volunteer for the ambulance?' I said, 'I don't know whether I want to do that.' He said, 'Come on, it will be alright.'"

Although Blanchard was running an electrical business at the time, he decided to take the plunge and became a part-time, volunteer paramedic on Jan. 1, 1985.

A few months later, an interesting letter showed up in his mailbox.

"I get this bill in the mail for \$250 and was told I have to report to school on nights and weekends down in Peterborough," he says. "I go, 'what's this all about?'"

Bob English, the chief at the time, forgot to inform Blanchard he signed him up for a two-year ambulance and emergency care program at Fleming College.

"Once I went to school and I started it, I really enjoyed it," he says, adding he graduated top of his class.

Then a full-time position opened in Minden and Blanchard dropped his electrical business without hesitation. He stayed there for 20 years.

"I liked it down there," says the 62-year-old, describing the many changes in management over the years. "We've had all kinds of bosses ... Minden ran us for a while, then the county had us for a little bit, then the Ministry of Health had us, and we were uploaded back to the county again."

For Blanchard, it all comes down to serving the people of Haliburton.

"I really enjoyed helping people."

One call in particular that stands out was when he and a fellow paramedic resuscitated a baby who died at birth. They worked on the child for many hours.

Two years ago, he was fortunate enough to meet that boy, who is now 15 years old.

"You know your whole career was worthwhile because of that one thing," he says.

But along with the good comes the bad. He believes there are calls that haunt every paramedic.

"I think we all have PTSD [Post-traumatic stress disorder] to some level or another."

Ten years ago, he left the frontline to avoid permanent injury to his shoulders and became the deputy chief of quality assurance and education.

The role has allowed him to educate new paramedics and ensure they are aware of their legal responsibilities.

"Our biggest part of our job now has become this big legal quagmire. It's important to know what kind of problems you can get into."

But on Nov. 30, Blanchard will enter his office in Haliburton for the last time.

"Sometimes you just get a feeling it's time to go," he says, referring to his impending retirement. "I thought I had more time left in me, but sometimes you understand there's other things to do in life."

Blanchard plans on building his retirement home in Minden next spring and is starting with the garage this fall. His wife, Lorrie, continues to work as the treasurer and CAO for the Township of Minden Hills.

He is interested in hobby farming and intends on working somewhere a couple of days a week.

"I'm looking for something to fill my time—and I'll probably volunteer at something as well."

He is going to miss his coworkers the most, which includes a team of 50 full and part-time paramedics as well as management staff.

"I'm going to miss watching them develop as paramedics, there's no doubt about that," he says.

The County of Haliburton is in the process of finding Blanchard's successor. He will help that person settle in before he leaves.



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Left: Paul Norry holds a flag as part of the colour guard during the Remembrance Day service in Minden. Right: Myrtle Sullivan looks pensive beneath a hood she wore to protect her from the wind. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



Left: Retired RCMP officer Al Collins speaks with a member of the community at the Wilberforce Remembrance Day service.

Above: Tom Coghlan, Korean War veteran and sergeant-at-arms, salutes those who made the ultimate sacrifice. *Photos by Mark Arike.*



Left: Members of the Haliburton Legion and the Army Cadet Corps join politicians as they march down Highland Street in Haliburton. Right: A couple of residents place their poppies at the Haliburton Cenotaph after the ceremony. *Photos by Alex Coop.*

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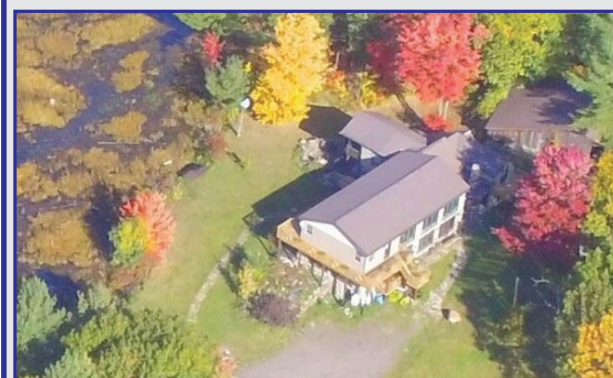
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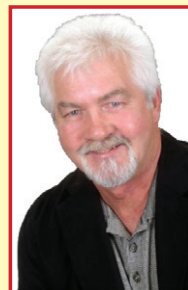
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In the second period, the Coyotes kept coming, scoring two more to put them ahead 4-2. Despite the Storm trying

everything they could and goalie Darian Maddock stopping everything that came his way, the Storm fell 4-2.

On Sunday, the Huntsville Otters came to Minden to play the peewees. The Otters were on the board first making it 1-0 going into the second. The Otters scored three quick goals at the start of the second to put them ahead 4-0. The Storm took advantage of two power plays and netted two goals of their own. Goals scored by Phippen assisted by Keefer and Winder and the second scored by Keefer assisted by Winder and Colin Glecoff, putting the score at 4-2.

The Storm tried to battle back but just couldn't come back with the Otters putting in one more with the Storm falling 5-2.

The next game for the Peewees is this upcoming weekend in Pembroke at the annual Silver Stick tournament. (Submitted by Ron Hall)

The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

The Highland Storm Midgets crushed the Muskoka Rock 5-1 in Minden Friday. It began with a power play goal by Owen Patterson-Smith, after passes from Nolan Flood and Shawn Walker. Shortly after, the Rock answered back with a goal while on a power play. Minutes later, Storm captain, Patterson-Smith, deked through the Rock and grabbed the go-ahead goal, with help from Trevor Turner and Flood. The Storm went on the defensive and successfully killed off a few penalties. Chris Thompson took control of the puck from behind his net and dangled into the Rock's end, ripped a shot, and it resulted in another goal. Owen Gilbert banged in another goal for the Storm, creating a comfortable gap and ending the second period 4-1, assisted by Mark Saville. There were some

aggressive plays in the final period. A point shot from Ryan Prentice deflected in and made it 5-1. That was it for the score, with special mention to Carson Sisson who made some outstanding saves for the Storm. (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)

The Pepper Mill/Dollo's Foodland Bantams

The Highland Storm Bantam team played a weekend double-header versus the Huntsville Otters this past Friday in Minden and Sunday in Huntsville. Game one saw the Storm battle hard in front of a hometown crowd against the Otters, but it wasn't enough as they came up short with a loss of 5-1. Brendan Newhook scored the only goal and it was assisted by Isaac Little. Game two of the double-header had the Storm travelling to Huntsville. The result was not what they wanted, as they were shutout by the Otters, 4-0.

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Highland Storm



The Highlander's 3-Stars of the Week



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Nick Phippen PEEWEE

The Highland Storm Peewees were in tough this past weekend as they took on both the Elmvale Coyotes and Huntsville Otters over consecutive days. Though the Storm fell to both the Otters and Coyotes, Nick Phippen was sure to at least give them something to remember. The smooth-skating peewee registered one goal and two assists over the weekend.

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Carson Sisson MIDGET

The Highland Storm Midget continued their impressive start to the season this past weekend as they shut down the Muskoka Rock, 5-1. What has been equally impressive as the Storm's high-flying offensive attack, is Carson Sisson's ability to squander the majority of the opposition's scoring attempts. The imposing, first-year Midget tender has been relied upon heavily at times throughout the new season, and has risen to the occasion each time.

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Liam Harrison ATOM

After a tough 8-2 loss to the Elmvale Coyotes on Saturday, the Highland Storm Novice were determined to have a better showing on Sunday against the Brock Wild. In a back-and-forth game that saw the goal lamp light on 10 different occasions, Liam led the Storm's charge, scoring two goals in a game which ended in a 5-5 tie.

Local League Weekly Schedule

Thursday, November 17

Team TD Canada Trust- Practice- Minden @ 5PM-6PM
Team Rotary- Practice- Haliburton @ 5PM-6PM
Team Pharmasave- Practice- Minden @ 6PM-7PM
Team Canadian Tire- Practice- Minden @ 7PM-8PM
Team Home Hardware- Practice- Haliburton @ 7:30PM-8:30PM
Team McKeck's- Practice- Minden @ 8PM-9PM

Saturday, November 19

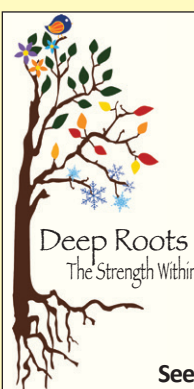
Initiation 2- Practice- Wilberforce @ 9AM-10AM
Initiation 1- Practice- Wilberforce @ 10AM-11AM
Team Rotary vs. Bancroft- Bancroft @ 10AM
Team TD Canada Trust vs. Team Pharmasave- Wilberforce @ 11AM
Team Canadian Tire vs. Team McKeck's- Wilberforce @ 12:30PM
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Storm reports

They played strong yet they were not able to get past a strong defensive line of the Otters. Goalies Nat Misco and Ethan Glecoff were able to make some great saves in these games, and deserve recognition. (Submitted by Jennifer Gill)

Haliburton Timber Mart/ Canadian Tire Novice

On Saturday, the Highland Storm Novice team hosted the Elmvale Coyotes in Minden for their first meeting of the season. The Coyotes came out strong and dominated play early, forcing the Storm to dig deep and respond. The

Storm capitalized on a few key scoring opportunities but could not stop the offensive attack of the Coyotes. Elmvale came out on top and were the better team on this day. Goals for the Storm were scored by Brechin Johnston assisted by McLean Rowden and Josh Scheffee.

Looking to redeem themselves, the Storm travelled to Cannington on Sunday to face the Brock Wild. Both teams put together some beautiful passing plays resulting in tallies for the scoreboard. It was goal for goal action for the entire three periods, ending in a 5 -5 tie. Liam Harrison, Evan Jones, Johnston and Austin Latanville all netted goals for the Storm, assisted by Jace Mills and Parker

Simms. Strong defensive play by the Storm kept the Wild from surging ahead in the final minutes of the game.

The novice team is back in action next weekend as they compete in the Walt McKechnie Novice tournament on their home ice in Haliburton. (Submitted by Janice Scheffee)

Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Atoms

The Highland Storm Atoms hosted the Elmvale Coyotes at the S.G. Nesbitt arena on Saturday. The first period was

a battle, however, with seconds left, Aiden Perrott scored with a wrap-around goal. At the start of the second period, the Coyotes scored making the game 1-1. But at the end of the second, Perrott scored another goal making it 2-1 going into the third. In the middle of the third, the Coyotes scored again tying the game 2-2. However, the Storm were not going to give up. Perrott scored his hat trick goal giving the Storm a win of 3-2.

On Nov. 19 the Atoms play host to the Huntsville Otters at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden at 12:30 p.m. (Submitted by Amber Card)

Walt McKechnie Novice Fall Classic

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3. North Bay Trappers
4. Stirling Blues

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6. Pembroke Kings
7. Chatsworth Rebels
8. Essa Eagles

Saturday Game Schedule

NOVEMBER 19, 2016

Round Robin Schedule- A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton

8:00	1 vs. 2
9:00	3 vs 4
10:00	5 vs 6
11:00	7 vs 8
Noon	4 vs 1
1:00	2 vs 3
2:00	8 vs 5
3:00	6 vs 7
4:00	1 vs 3
5:00	2 vs 4
6:00	5 vs 7
7:00	6 vs 8



Sunday, November 20, 2016

Playoff Schedule- A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton

- 8:00am
4 th Place Crosby vs 4 th Place Ovechkin
- 9:15am
3 rd Place Crosby vs 3 rd Place Ovechkin
- 10:30am
2 nd Place Crosby vs 2 nd Place Ovechkin
- 11:45am
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Kyle Cooper soars in for a layup. Photo by Alex Coop

Basketball teams filled with natural athletes, coaches say

By Alex Coop

The shoes were squeaking, elbows were flying and plays were called during scrimmages last week at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as both the junior and senior boys basketball teams took to the court once again.

Despite some fumbles and miscalculated passes, the energy level was high.

"I feel it, and I'm not sure why that is, but I feel it," said senior head coach Paul Longo Monday afternoon at practice. "Maybe it's the success of the Raptors, our Steve Nash program ... we've been slowly trying to raise the profile of basketball in the community for about five years now, and it's really showing."

The senior team is fresh off a historic run, winning the Kawartha West conference title and silver medal at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Championship (COSSA) finals last season.

Thirty-seven players signed up for both the junior and senior basketball teams this year, which is a huge turn out, says Gordon Cochrane, the junior team's head coach. His team's roster has dwindled since day one due to players making other commitments, but Cochrane is still optimistic about his team's future.

"We don't have a huge front line, but

they're quick and hard working," he said, adding he hopes to play all his players each game in order to strengthen fundamental skills. "Everyone is open to improving, that's all I can ask for."

When asked about the senior team's strengths, Longo echoed some of Cochrane's comments.

"We're very quick and we have some great athletes ... it helps that we have a returning player like McKay Coneybeare, who I think will be a real force in the league this year. Now it's just a matter of putting it all together," Longo said.

Coneybeare, a strong shooter and even better ball handler, is in his fifth year. He is surrounded by a number of familiar faces who made the leap from junior to senior, in addition to 6'7 Collin Martin, who returned to his hometown of Minden this year after a brief stint in Oshawa the year prior.

"We have some size now, too," Coneybeare said with a smile, referring to Martin.

Martin says he hopes to help the team make some noise in the playoffs. But he needs to improve his rebounding first, he adds.

"I can't let the small guys get around me and grab the boards," he said.

But it's the comradery among players on his team that impresses Martin the most.

"Everyone is so supportive to each other," he said.



Hockey fundraiser

Subway Minden and Haliburton held a fundraiser for local hockey player Owen Smith last week. Twenty-five per cent of proceeds from a buy one, get one free promotion are being donated to Smith. He is currently playing for the Lindsay Wolves and hoping to make it with the Ontario Hockey League's Flint Firebirds. Owner Peter Shah said \$1,575 was raised for Smith. Pictured, left to right, Akash Patel, Neel Shah, Owen Smith and Peter Shah. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Highlander events



Right: Author Michael Redhill, right, with FOHCPL president Mary Trepanier, left, and Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan. Photos by Mark Arike.

Friends raise \$5,600

By Mark Arike

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library (FOHCPL) raised about \$5,600 at the 11th annual gala and silent auction Sunday afternoon at the Pinestone Resort.

About 30 items were up for grabs, and many book baskets and stacks available for purchase. The baskets were comprised of gently read, donated titles.

"People come and get them for Christmas presents," said FOHCPL president Mary Trepanier. "We just about

sold out of them last year."

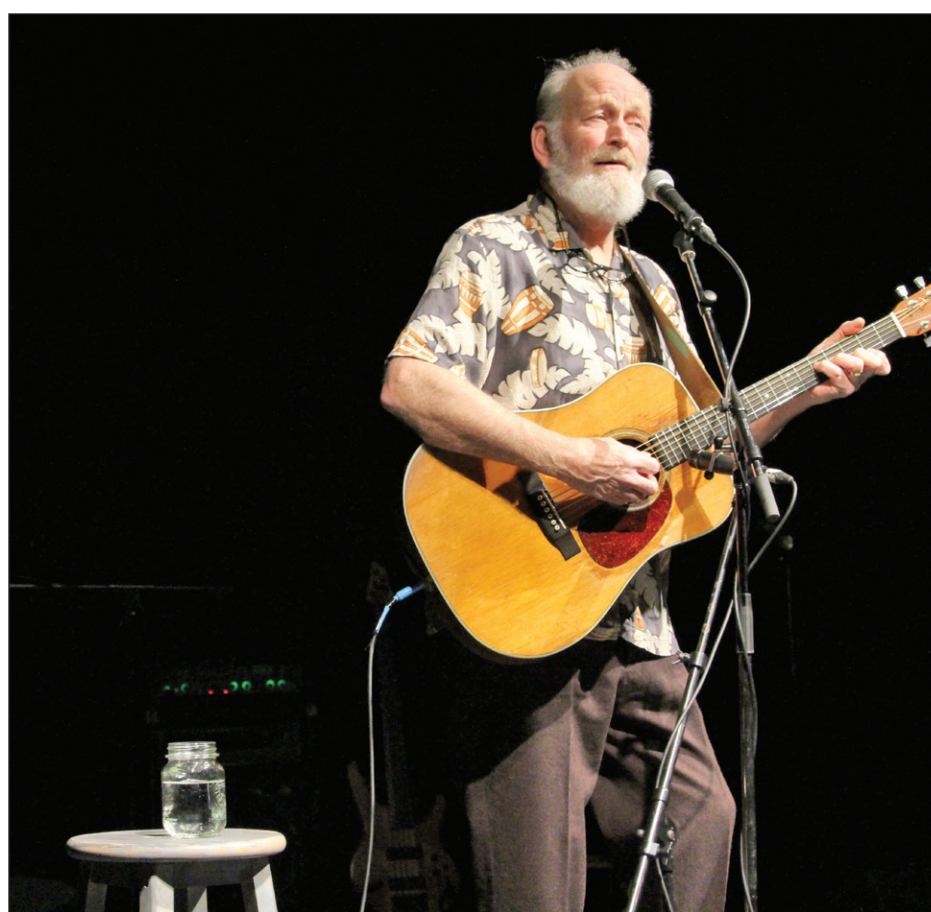
Author Michael Redhill was the featured guest. Redhill signed copies of his latest book, *The Night Bell*, and spoke about his work.

He wrote the book under the pseudonym Inger Ash Wolfe.

The money raised will be used for enhancements and programming that benefit all eight library branches.

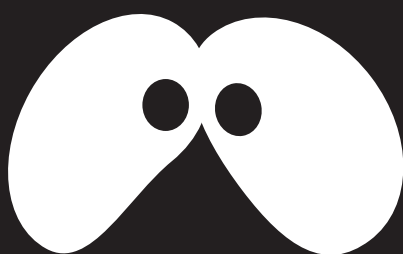
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The FOHCPL has 156 members.



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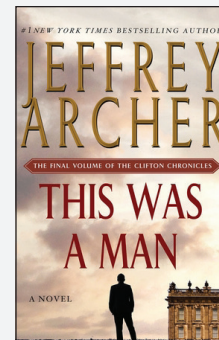
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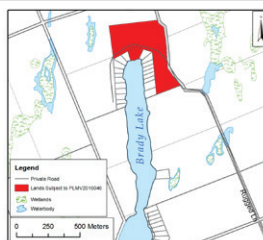
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TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2016046**, **PLMV2016057**, **PLMV2016063**, **PLMV2016064**, **PLMV2016065**, **PLMV2016066**, and **PLMV2016067**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

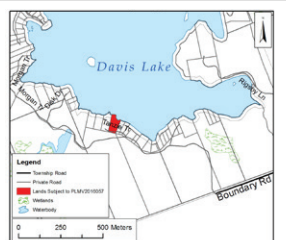
PLMV2016046 - Part of Lot 14 & 15, Concession 'A', Geographic Township of Hindon; municipally known as 1449 Rugged Lane; and located on Brady Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit a lot frontage of approximately 60 m. Recently, provisional consent H-001/16 was granted to permit a severance for addition purposes to an adjacent lot. The minor variance is being sought to satisfy a condition of consent by recognizing the reduced lot frontage for the Rural (RU) zoned area of the property which is now considered to be Brady Lake.



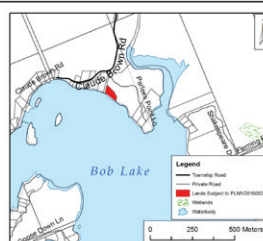
PLMV2016057 - Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, located at 1016 Tanzie Trail on Davis Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to seek relief from the minimum shoreline setback requirement of the Township's Zoning By-law which is 23 m. The applicants have requested a setback of 15 metres (50') to construct a garage with a floor area of 67.6 m² (728 sq.ft.).



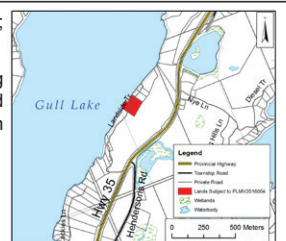
PLMV2016063 - Part of Lot 10, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson; municipally known as 1008 Parlees Point Road; and located on Bob Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit an addition of greater than 25% to a non-complying dwelling which is located 8.2 m. (27') from the rear lot line. The proposed addition would be constructed outside of the required setback of 15 m. (49'3") but would result in an increase of 70.6% (53.5 m², or 576 sq.ft) to the existing dwelling.



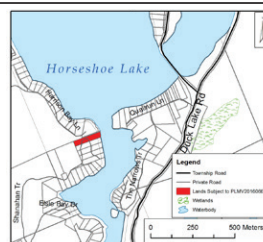
PLMV2016064 - Part of Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1157 Landside Trail; and located on Gull Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit an addition to a non-complying dwelling which is located 14.3 m. (47') from the High Water Mark. The proposed addition would not project closer to the High Water Mark, but would result in an increase of 31.2% (25.4 m², or 273 sq.ft) to the existing dwelling.



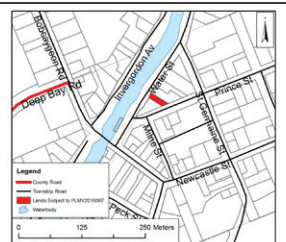
PLMV2016066 - Part of Lot 12, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1273 Shanahan Trail; and located on Horseshoe Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the increase in height of a non-conforming use (a boathouse) which would allow for the reconstructed boathouse to have a pitched roof.



PLMV2016067 - Part of Lot 3, Concession 'A', Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 12 Water Street; and being located on the Gull River (see key map).

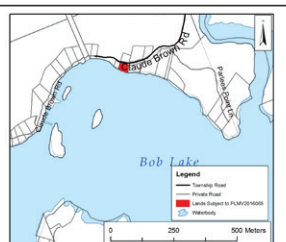
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of an addition to the existing commercial building (theater). The proposed addition would result in a Lot Coverage of 94.3% whereas 80% is otherwise permitted. The applicant also seeks relief from the parking and loading requirements otherwise required of the addition; no parking is proposed whereas 30 parking spaces would otherwise be required.



PLMV2016065 - Part of Lot 10, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson; municipally known as 1325 Claude Brown Road; and located on Bob Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the reconstruction and enlargement of a non-complying dwelling which is located 6.7 m. (22') from the High Water Mark. The proposed 118.4m² (1,274 sq.ft) dwelling would be situated 8.2 m. (27') from the High Water Mark and would further encroach into the required Rear Yard. As a result of the development the dwelling would be a further 1.5 m. (5') from the High Water Mark while the reconstructed deck would be an additional 2 m. (6.5') from the High Water Mark.

The proposed dwelling would be 57.9% (43.4 m², or 273 sq.ft) larger than the existing non-complying dwelling and would result in a Lot Coverage of 22.1%, whereas 15% is otherwise permitted.



HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications are welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclendening@mindenhills.ca. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

MORE INFORMATION: Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at www.mindenhills.ca.

For more information about this matter contact iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2016.

Ian Clendening, MPI.

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0

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propane replica wood stove. Absolutely no smoking, no pets. First/last, good references \$950/month. 705-286-2900 evenings.

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OBITUARIES



Clara Higgins (nee LaPorte)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully with her family by her side, Clara went to be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on Monday morning, November 14, 2016 in her 74th year. Beloved wife and best friend of Howard, her one and only love for over 52 years. Loving mother of Patty (Doug Stevens), Gayle (Bo Yurkiv) all of Mississauga and Brenda (Chris Moffatt) of Powassan. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Matthew, Jonathan and Billy. Dear sister of Ed (Lynda), Don (Audress), Dave (Marilyn), Jim (Carolyn), Doris and Barb (Ken Nesbitt). Predeceased by her brother Frank and sister Diane. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, her sister-in-law Doris LaPorte, family and her many friends. Clara enjoyed cooking, baking and most of all her family.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday evening, November 17, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday morning, November 18, 2016 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Reception to follow at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



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SMALL ENGINE MECHANIC POSITION

Applications are being accepted for a full time position as a small engine mechanic at Emmerson Lumber Rent-All.

Responsibilities include repairs to 2 and 4 stroke engines (primarily lawn, garden and forestry) and rental equipment.

Basic computer skills are required and you require a valid drivers license. Some parts inventory management will be required.

Please submit resumes to
Emmerson Lumber Limited, Attention Cleve Roberts,
P.O. Box 150, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0

Free admission

CHRISTMAS Artisan Market

Sunday November 27th 11 am-4 pm

SG Nesbitt Community Centre

Interested in being a vendor? Contact Elisha at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@minderhills.ca



The Township of Minden Hills Santa Claus Parade Saturday November 26th at 11:30am

Floats start at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena and will finish at the Township Administration Office (on Milne Street).

Meet Santa right after the parade (in Council Chambers) and have a free hot chocolate while you wait.

Kids! Don't forget to bring your letter to Santa!

To enter a float please contact Elisha at 286-2298 or eweiss@minderhills.ca



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Christmas Open House

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop
Sunday, December 4th,
 12 noon to 3PM

New gift merchandise of all types,
 perfect for Christmas giving & getting.
**No Tax! We accept debit &
 Visa and Mastercard.**

- Christmas Bake Sale
- Wheelbarrow of Wine draw (1pm)
- Refreshments

**Special Guest, harpist,
 Marie Watson**

**Bring this coupon with you for
 a 15% discount on regularly
 priced merchandise!**

HELP WANTED

INSURANCE BROKER CSR for Camarvon Office - RIBO licenced CSR, TAM experience a plus. Responsibilities include answering the phones, invoicing and reviewing renewals, banking and assisting producers. Please email your resume to ghewson@mmfinsurance.ca or fax to 705-489-3131 Only the applicants considered for an interview will be contacted.

FOR SALE

SHOP THRIFT WAREHOUSE first with your Christmas decorating ideas. Great, gently used trees, ornaments, decorations...and soooo much more!! Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. 128 Mallard Rd. Haliburton

EVENTS

TRY TAOIST TAI CHI to improve your balance, strength, flexibility. Classes in Kinmount, Minden, Camarvon, Haliburton, Wilberforce. For further info: taoist.org, or call Wilma 705-457-5829.

HALIBURTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, presents Martin Hoflan, author of "Warboy", speaking at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton on Thurs. Nov.17, 1:30 p.m., sharing his personal experience of living through war.

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Parklane Christmas Sale

1 Victoria St. (across from Laundromat)

**Sat., Nov. 19,
 9 am - 2 pm.**

Bake Table, Crafts, Craft Supplies, "Popcorn" Tops, Knitted Items, Trash & Treasure Table, Sandwiches, Tea & Coffee available.

"UPLIFT" CONCERT,
 Fri. Nov. 18, 7 - 9 p.m., Haliburton United Church. Admission by freewill offering, refreshments at intermission. All are welcome.

FUNERAL SERVICES



Funerals and Memorial Services

127 Bobcaygeon Rd
 Minden, ON 705-286-2181
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PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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HALIBURTON VILLAGE SANTA CLAUS PARADE



This year's theme:

PROUD TO BE CANADIAN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH AT 6:30

BANDS....HORSES...MARCHERS...BRIGHT LIGHTS

To enter your float
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Jim Frost at
 705 457-4031 or
frostdownhome@bellnet

"Tree Lighting and
 Carols" at the "Town
 Tree" at 6:00 pm and
 "Winter Warm-Up" at the
 Legion after the parade



**Canada Postal workers will be on the
 parade route collecting letters for Santa.**

**REMEMBER - NO PARKING ON HIGHLAND STREET
 FOR SAFETY AND GOOD VIEWING**

The parade is proudly brought to you by the Haliburton BIA
 and the Haliburton & District Lions Club

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EVENTS

The Aging Well Committee invites you to lunch!

Luncheons are being held from noon to 1:30 pm at locations around the County to share what has been learned so far about how we can make our communities more "Age-Friendly".

- Tuesday, November 22nd – Haliburton Legion
- Wednesday, November 23rd – Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre, Wilberforce
- Thursday, November 24th – Minden Legion
- Wednesday, November 30th – Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall

Call or email Angela Andrews at the Health Unit to let her know you're coming at 705-457-1391 ext. 3239 aandrews@hkpr.on.ca



HALIBURTON FOREST BIOCHAR

Please join us for the 2nd Public Meeting of

Haliburton Forest Biochar

for another chance to learn more about our project and voice your questions. The meeting will be held in the main hall of the Haliburton Legion at 719 Mountain St. from 4pm to 6pm on Wednesday, November 23. Coffee and baked goods will be served. We look forward to meeting you.

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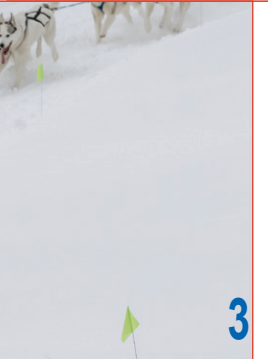
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What's on

NOVEMBER 2016 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY MONDAY Drop-in Basketball at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 5 – 6 p.m. Equipment provided, \$5/adults, \$2.50/youth or seniors, or free with membership. Tai Chi Class at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Mind – Body – Spirit – Health & Wellness. 10:30 a.m. – noon. Fall session runs to Dec. 5, n. Beginners welcome! Pre-registration required. Call Valerie at 705-767-1177. Table Tennis , 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. \$3/person. Contact Elisha Weiss for more info 705-286-2298 or eweiss@minderhills.ca				Highlands Little Theatre Auditions , Haliburton United Church, 7 p.m. highlandstheatrelive.com/auditions CFUW Speaker Series - Jack & Diane Jackson – “Walking the Camino and Habitat for Humanity”. 7 – 8 p.m. at Haliburton School Art & Design, Great Hall	“Uplift” Concert, 7 – 9 p.m., Haliburton United Church. Admission by freewill offering, refreshments at intermission.	HIGHLANDS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA – “Future Front & Centre” Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets \$15. Available at Cranberry Cottage & Minden Pharmasave. 705-286-0413 Mistletoe Magic Craft Sale – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Kinmount Community Centre
VISIBLE VOICES OPEN ARTS STUDIO – “Creative Interlude: Basic Sewing 2”. 1 – 3 p.m. \$15 or pay-what-you-can. Open to everyone 12 and older. More info, or register at info@openartsstudio.ca or phone 286-2587	New! Games Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Drop in Mondays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. All ages from nine to 90 welcome! Bring your own games or choose from our selection. \$5/adults, \$2.50 youth/senior, or free with membership.	Breastfeeding Class, 6 – 8 p.m., Contact the Health Unit for details 705-457-1391	Walking Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11 a.m. Meet at the Rail's End Gallery & Arts Centre, 23 York St. Everyone is welcome! Rain or shine.		Haliburton Village Santa Clause Parade – 6:30 p.m., Highland St., Haliburton. Sheri Hawkins & Beau Parker Lounge Trio, at Agnes Jamieson Gallery for the Festival of Trees. Cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, tickets available at the gallery 705-286-3763	Minden Hills Santa Clause Parade! 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., downtown Minden. 4th annual “Ugly Sweater” Run/Walk and Nostalgic Christmas-Registration at 10 a.m. (pre-registration recommended). Walk begins 11 a.m., meet 11:30 a.m. Refreshments.
Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Dinner at the pavilion, fire hall and Dorset Recreation Centre. 3:30 p.m. decorate the pavilion, 4:30 p.m. at the fire hall for tree lighting, bonfire & carol singing, 5:30 social at the Rec Centre. Dinner at 6 p.m.	Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic Haliburton Legion - 719 Mountain St. 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. **special need for donors** To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca	Breastfeeding Class, 6 – 8 p.m., Contact the Health Unit for details 705-457-1391	Walking Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11 a.m. Meet at the Rail's End Gallery & Arts Centre, 23 York St. Everyone is welcome! Rain or shine. Public Skating: Minden: Noon – 2 p.m. Haliburton: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.			

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.
 Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
 Thursday general meeting second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
 Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start. Meat draw five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC
 Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
 Saturday 50/50 draw 4 p.m. draw, tickets

\$1 each from noon onwards
 Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
 Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring Gord Kidd & Friends Saturday, Dec. 3, 4-p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only \$6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$5 cover charge for non-members.
 Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571

MINDEN BRANCH

General meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start

Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
 Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Fish/wings & chips, Friday, noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
 Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
 Bid euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12
 Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.
 Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, noon-2 p.m.
 Liver lovers' special, Tuesday noon-2 p.m. (full menu also)
 Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time.
 Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday: Pool 1:30 p.m., Spaghetti dinner 5-7 p.m., Jam session 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday: Meat draw 2 p.m. – early bird 3 p.m. sharp
 Monday: Bid euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome.
 Wednesday: Fun darts 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Youth league 6:30-8:30 p.m.

 Upcoming Events: Wildlife Dinner – Saturday, Dec. 3, 5:30-7 p.m. \$20/person
 Donations of meat towards this dinner would be appreciated. Call 705-448-2221 to contribute.



Featured Property

1020 Kernohan Farm Trail

This home is a rare find: quality construction with easy year-round access to everything Haliburton County has to offer. Perfect for a family or empty-nesters. Lots of space inside and out, with a flexible floor plan you can customize exactly as you like. Get the full story at YOURHOMEINMINDEN.CA.



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What's on

An evening to keep the county warm

By Mark Arike

In the past year, Heat Bank Haliburton County has managed to help keep more than 200 people warm.

A big part of the organization's ability to provide fuel and firewood to local residents is its annual Heat Bank Night at Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon. In two years it has raised more than \$18,000.

The target for the third annual event is "as much as possible," according to Heat Bank co-founder John Teljeur.

"We need every dollar we can get our hands on," said Teljeur in an interview. "We never know what kind of winter it's going to be like. We never know how many people are going to need our help."

The fundraiser will take place on Sunday from 6-9 p.m. It will feature food prepared by Rhubarb staff, a silent auction offering about 40 items, and live entertainment from Jocelyn Regina and Douglas Walker.

Now in its fourth year, Heat Bank's mission is to "increase the supply of and ease of access to emergency firewood and heat for vulnerable residents of Haliburton County." It is a program of the Central Food Network, which also oversees food banks in Highlands East. It also provides client case management and intake assessment services by "qualified and trained personnel."

Of the 211 residents who received support between September 2016 and this September, 40 per cent were in Highlands East. Minden and Dysart were equal at 28 per cent and Algonquin Highlands amounted to four per cent. Forty-two

per cent of cases involved children. This is about a 29 per cent increase from the previous year, when 164 people benefitted from the program.

With the cost of living and hydro on the rise, Teljeur doesn't expect the need to diminish anytime soon.

"If anything, we can confidently predict it's going to get worse," he said, adding the need will be the same or more unless it's a mild winter. Money raised at Sunday's event will go toward fuel and hydro grants. For example, if someone is behind on their bill and facing disconnection, they would be eligible for financial support. Fifteen families were

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John Teljeur
Heat Bank co-founder

assisted with hydro emergencies and disconnects last year.

A watt meter loan program is in the works as a result of a partnership with Brian Nash of Haliburton Solar and Wind, and Haliburton County Public Library. Clients will be able to borrow meters from the library to check for faulty or inefficient appliances. It will begin at the



Chris Smith performs at the first event in 2014. File photo

end of this month or early next month. The organization's administrative and office costs are fully subsidized through a grant from the United Way of Simcoe County, Teljeur points out. About 30-40 people

volunteer with the program on an annual basis. Tickets for the fundraiser, which is being organized by Rhubarb co-owner Terri Mathews-Carl, are \$50 per person. To purchase tickets, call 705-489-4449.

Gift shop open house ideal for Christmas shopping

By Mark Arike

Baked goods and many great gift items will fill the Haliburton hospital's gift shop on Dec. 4.

That's because the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary will host its fourth annual open house.

"We always have fun," said past president Tracey Lear. "This is like a kick-off to the season for us. It gets everybody going."

Auxiliary volunteers contribute homemade baked goods to the sale, which has proven popular every year. Last year's sale raised almost half of the \$2,000 grand total. The gift shop will be stocked with a variety of Christmas items, clothing and artwork made by local artists, said Lear. If a piece of art sells, the artist donates 25 per cent of the sale back to the auxiliary.

Live entertainment will be provided by

harpist Marie Watson.

The auxiliary will hold the draw for its wheelbarrow of wine at 1 p.m. One lucky winner will walk away with 40 bottles of wine and a wheelbarrow, donated by Emmerson Lumber. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Money raised at the event will go toward purchasing necessary items for the hospital. They must spend the money by the end of March 2017.

The auxiliary recently finished its fundraising efforts for a compassionate care suite at Highland Wood long-term care facility.

The open house starts at noon and goes until 3 p.m.

This year, shoppers can pay for their purchases by debit or credit card. No tax is charged. For more information call Jane Jaycock at 705-754-9996.

Radio

BINGO!

Get your BINGO cards and join us Tuesdays at 6pm for an hour of fun. Cards are just \$6 and can be purchased at these retail locations: Todd's Independent, Haliburton Foodland, Haliburton Jug City, Dollo's Foodland, Minden Jug City, Molly's Bistro Bakery, West Guilford General Store, Eagle Lake Country Market, Agnew's General Store, Gooderham Lucky Dollar and Canoe FM.

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RIVERVIEW
FURNITURE & FLOORING

705-286-3167
92 Bobcaygeon Rd.
Minden

BIG NEWS!

Opening Saturday Nov 19 @ 9am

Early Birds have the best selection

RIVERVIEW FURNITURE IS OPENING A NEW STORE

Riverview Furniture Clearance Centre!

Overstock, Clearance & Shop Worn Items
up to

70% OFF

Retail **PLUS** hst included on all Items! Clearance centre only.

Downtown Minden across from our store next to the wine store.

SOME EXAMPLES OF ITEMS ON SALE

Maple 7' harvest table with end ext's.
reg. \$1,799 **reduced to \$875**

Solid white cedar D/S bunk bed
reg. \$1,999 **reduced to \$950**

Wild life Sofa Reg \$1,599 **reduced to \$850**

Coffee and End tables from **\$98**
and much, much more, mattresses etc.

SOME OF THE ITEMS ON CLEAR OUT

Laminate flooring charcoal grey remaining stock approx. 200 sq ft. 0.98 sq ft

Canoe boat shelves 5' **\$298** and 7' **\$398**

Recliners from **\$298**

Sofa bed one only **\$588**

Pine bunk beds **\$648**

Pocket coil mattress set **\$699**
now **\$388** (shop worn floor model)

Cedar log dbl bed **\$598**

Bar stools \$149 now **\$88** each

Night stands from **\$228**

5 drawer chest **\$598**

Pine desk \$399 now **\$198**

Klick klac sofa/bed
\$398

Find our spelling mistake! Bring this ad into Riverview Furniture for a chance enter our contest to win a \$500 gift certificate. Contest closes after ladies night, draw will be held the day after.
We will announce the winner in The Highlander.
One Entry per family. (No purchase necessary)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

The mistake is: _____

**Entire
store
HST
included!**